

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY,  
TEXAS, AUGUST 5, 2008**

The City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas, met on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Leon Valley City Council Chambers, at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7:00 P.M.**

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**Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mayor Riley called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of Council were present: Manea, Reyna, Baldrige, and Dean, and Nelson.

City Manager Lambert, City Secretary Feutz, Fire Chief Irwin, Public Works Director Vick, Assistant Public Works Director Stolz, Interim Development Director Flores, Administrative Assistant Gomez, and City Attorney McKamie also present.

Mayor Riley asked City Attorney McKamie to lead the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Presentation of Good Neighbor Award to Waste Management for their donation for the Sustainable Design Assessment with the American Institute of Architects (Mayor Riley).**

Mayor Riley explained that the City was awarded a grant from the American Institute of Architects for a Sustainable Design Assessment Grant. She explained that part of the grant application included offers from support from local businesses. Mayor Riley noted that Waste Management, Inc. donated funding to help with this grant and she invited Waste Management's Fred Medrano to accept the Good Neighbor Award thanking Waste Management for their donation.

**Presentation of "Good Neighbor Award" to the Leon Valley Public Works Department for their support and participation in the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Star Spangled 4<sup>th</sup> of July (Mayor Riley).**

Mayor Riley announced that when the Good Neighbor Awards were presented at the last Council meeting, the Public Works Department was missed in the list of those deserving of recognition. She apologized to the department and presented the Good Neighbor Award to the Public Works Directors Byron Vick and Fred Stolz.

**Citizens to be heard and time for objections to the Consent Agenda.**

Mayor Riley asked Councilmembers if they wished for anything on the Consent Agenda to be removed from that agenda for further discussion. Hearing no requests, Mayor Riley then asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Council.

Residents Javier and Ursula Garza, of 7931 Stebbins, asked Council to consider some relief from water runoff from John Marshall High School and Bluebird Lane that is running under her house. He explained that he has spoken with N.I.S.D. and with the Leon Valley Public Works Department. They explained that most of the runoff is coming from the street. The couple

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explained that this is the first year that they are living at the property, but have owned the property for three years. City Manager Lambert stated that he would ask the City Engineer to look at this problem. Public Works Director Vick reported that there is some runoff and Ken Peters from John Marshall High School is investigating any runoff from their property to be addressed.

City Manager Lambert introduced John Hargis, a summer intern from U.T.S.A.'s Master of Public Administration, who is doing some work for the city with grant applications and records management.

Mayor Riley publically thanked Council and staff for their hard work over the last three weeks with budget workshops and special meetings. She thanked everyone for their dedication.

Seeing no one else to come forward for the "Citizens to be heard" portion of the meeting, she asked for a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

**Consent Agenda**

**Consider approval of minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of July 14, 2008, the Regular City Council Meeting of July 15, 2008, the City Council Workshop of July 19, 2008, and the Special City Council Meeting of July 28, 2008. (Feutz).**

**Consider action on M&C # 08-01-08 - a request to authorize payment to San Antonio Construction, LTD., for the construction of ADA sidewalk improvement in Linkwood under the FY 2007 CDBG project (\$53,135.) (Stolz).**

**Consider action on M&C # 08-02-08 - a request for Council to approve a request by Steven Hanan for Final Acceptance of Public Improvements of the Ridge at Leon Valley Unit #2, being Lots 33-52, Block 8, Lots 9-20, Block 10, Lots 17-33, Block 11, Lots 1-34, Block 12; and Lots 1-17, Block 13, CB 4429B (Flores).**

**Consider action on Ordinance # 08-032 - a request to repeal and replace City Code Chapter 18 "Parks and Recreation", and providing for penalties of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and no more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000), with each day's violation constituting a separate offense (Park Commissioners).**

**Consider action on Ordinance # 08-033 - a request to appoint a member to the Zoning Commission (Kathy Hill), a member to the Trade and Market Day Committee (John Gross), and a member to the Stormwater Advisory Committee (Robert Wells)(Mayor Riley).**

**Consider action on M&C # 08-03-08 - with attached ordinance (# 08-036) - a request to increase the cleaning fee for the Community and Conference Centers to compensate for the difference in expense by contracting a professional cleaning company (Flores).**

A motion was made by Councilman Reyna, seconded by Councilmember Dean, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon unanimous vote, Mayor Riley announced that the motion carried and the Consent Agenda items were approved.

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**Regular Agenda**

**Public hearing to consider Replat #08-112 - a request by Galbraith Engineering to replat approximately 4.993 acres of land from Lot 54, to new Lots 74, 75 and 76, Block 3, CB 5784, Leon Valley Addition-Greenway Park Subdivision, at the corner of Grissom Road and Poss Road (Flores)**

Interim Development Director Flores addressed Council presenting case information on the Replat # 08-112, a request by Galbraith Engineering on behalf of B. Field Properties LLC, applicant and property owner. She explained that the request is to replat Lot 54 to new Lots 74, 75, and 76, Block 3, CB 5784 of the Leon Valley Additional - Greenway Park Subdivision in the 6700 block of Grissom Road. She informed Council that the replat request is in substantial conformance and there were no variances requested by the applicant. She stated that six property owners with notified with 200 feet of the site and no letters were received in opposition nor in favor of the case and no letters were returned undeliverable.

Both the applicant Horst Bremer and David Fields, the property owner, were present.

Mayor Riley opened the public hearing at 7:16 p.m. and invited anyone from the audience to address Council. Seeing no one and after asking the applicant and property owner if they also wished to address Council, Mayor Riley closed the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

**Consider action on Replat # 08-112 - a request by Galbraith Engineering on behalf of B. Fields Properties LLC, applicant and property owner, to replat approximately 4.993 acres of land from Lot 54, to new Lots 74, 75, and 76, Block 3, CB 5784, Leon Valley(Flores).**

A motion was made by Councilman Reyna, seconded by Councilmember Baldrige, to approve Replat # 08-112 as presented. Upon vote, Mayor Riley announced the replat was approved.

**Public hearing to consider Specific Use Permit #08-261 - a request by Samuel Chopp, applicant, to operate a "Dry Cleaning Facility," in a B-3 (Commercial) district, being Lot 47, CB 5784, C. Ward Subdivision, located at 6866 Bandera Road (Flores).**

Interim Development Director Flores addressed Council presenting Specific Use Permit Case # 08-261, a request by Samuel Chopp, to allow operation of a "Dry Cleaning Facility" in a B-3 (Commercial) zoning district at 6866 Bandera Road. Ms. Flores explained that the Zoning Code requires a Specific Use Permit for the use in a B-3 zoning district. She reviewed the surrounding zoning and the site development history. She informed Council that the applicant's site plan meets the minimum requirements for site plan development and reported that a traffic impact analysis was done which indicates that the proposed activity will generate less than 100 peak hour trips.

Zoning Commission Chairman Guerra reported to Council that on July 22, 2008 the Zoning Commission voted 7 to 0 to approve the SUP. He presented facts and findings of the Commission used to reach their decision, including where deliveries would be made to the proposed business, the noise, and fire safety. He also reported that the applicant had informed the commission that they use an ecofriendly dry cleaning process that does not have the typical odor from dry cleaning process. Chairman Guerra told Mayor Riley that he had additional information from the Zoning Commission for Council that he wished to offer after the case

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information concluded.

Ms. Flores reported that seven letters were mailed to property owners within 200 feet and no letters were received in opposition nor in favor to the case and no letters were received as undeliverable.

Councilmember Nelson asked applicant Samuel Chopp if the site will be a temporary facility, and Mr. Chopp stated it would not. Councilmember Baldridge asked what the hours would be of the new business, and Mr. Chopp answered that the operating hours would be 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Mayor Riley asked Mr. Chopp about the dry cleaning process. Mr. Chopp explained that he uses DrySolve, an environmentally friendly product, that leaves no odor from the dry cleaning process. He and his partner demonstrated clothing cleaned with DrySolve to demonstrate the odor versus a garment cleaned in regular dry cleaning processes.

Mayor Riley opened the public hearing at 7:29 p.m. and invited anyone from the audience to address Council.

Resident Esperanza Olvera addressed Council stating that the questions she had were answered in the meeting about the chemicals being used.

Hearing no one else, Mayor Riley closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

**Consider action on Specific Use Permit # 08-261 - with attached Ordinance # 08-034 - a request by Samuel Chopp, applicant, to operate a "Dry Cleaning Facility," in a B-3 (Commercial) district, being Lot 47, CB 5784, C. Ward Subdivision, located at 6866 Bandera Road (Flores)**

A motion was made by Councilman Reyna, seconded by Councilmember Dean, to approve Specific Use Permit Case # 08-261 as presented. Upon vote, Mayor Riley announced the Specific Use Permit was approved.

**Consider action on M&C 08-04-08 - a request for the City to co-sponsor a Community Health and Safety Fair with Walgreens at the Leon Valley Conference Center on October 25, 2008 and to waive fees for use of the Center as part of the sponsorship. (Feutz/Walgreen's Rep.).**

City Secretary Feutz reported that the City had been contacted by resident Victor Rodriguez about an opportunity for the City and Walgreens to cosponsor a Community Health and Safety Fair on October 25, 2008 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Ms. Feutz stated that Walgreens asked for all fees associated with using the Conference Center for the event to be waived as the City's portion of the co-sponsorship. She also stated that Walgreens contacted Fire Chief Irwin for his department's support with this project.

Tony Flores, Manager of the Leon Valley Walgreens, addressed Council stating that the Fair will offer flu and pneumonia vaccinations for cash price or billed to Medicare, an "Ask a Pharmacist" booth for community medication questions, blood pressure checks, cardiac risk assessments and more.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Reyna, seconded by Councilmember

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Dean, to approve the request as presented. Upon vote, Mayor Riley announced the motion carried.

Mayor Riley announced that Zoning Commission Chairman Guerra had not had the opportunity to finish reporting on the Commission's work as he had asked earlier in the meeting; therefore, she asked for him to return to the podium for the update. Chairman Guerra reported that the Zoning Commission is working on the issues sent to them for their review: the Noise Ordinance, the Non-Smoking Ordinance, and rental regulations. He stated that the Commission felt that since these ordinances will affect the area businesses, they recommended a joint meeting with the Chamber of Commerce or others and the Zoning Commission be held before the recommendations are brought to Council for consideration. He also stated that when the Commission and the Council met earlier this year, a suggestion was made regarding changing the dates for the Commission's meeting, but nothing has been decided at this time.

**Public hearing and discussion on appropriate ballot language for a Special Election to allow voters to vote for or against the adoption of a sales and use tax for economic development, under the provisions of Section 4B of the Development Corporation Act of 1979 (ART. 5190.6, V.T.C.S)(Councilman Reyna/Councilman Manea).**

Councilman Art Reyna opened the discussion stating that the proposed ballot language for the November 4, 2008 Special Election ballot was comprised of the State Comptroller's Office recommendations with three bullets that summarize many of the citizen and business requests for uses of the economic development sales tax. He stated that the proposed language included a 1/4 (one-quarter) cent sales tax.

The ballot wording considered was:

*"The adoption of a Section 4B sales and use tax to support quality of life improvements and economic development projects at the rate of one-fourth of one percent (\$0.0025) to undertake projects as described in Section 2(11) and Section 4B of Article 5190.6 of Revised Civil Statutes, as amended from time to time, including, but not limited to, projects that the Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation determines will promote new or expanded business enterprises that create or retain primary jobs; primary job training facilities for use by institutions of higher education; projects related to public parks, park facilities and events, and open space improvements; projects related to convention, tourist, and exhibition facilities; projects related to museums and related stores, restaurant, concession, and automobile parking facilities; projects related to research and development facilities; related area transportation facilities; projects related to public safety facilities and related improvements; projects related to demolition of existing structures; and projects related to targeted infrastructure and any other improvements, expenditures, or facilities that are related to any of the above-described projects; and the maintenance and operations expenses for any of the above-described projects; and including, but not limited to, the following projects to be considered by the Leon Valley Economic Development Corporation:*

*Strengthen the Leon Valley business district, including retaining existing businesses and attracting new businesses and redeveloping existing business*

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*centers;*

*Beautify the Leon Valley business district through landscaping, lighting, signage and other methods; and*

*Develop a more sustainable quality of life by implementing the American Institute of Architects plan, including park development, energy conservation for the benefit of business enterprises in the community, historic preservation, hike and bike trails, mass transit and other means.*

Councilmember Nelson stated that the 1/4 cent is what the City needs, but she is concerned about today's economic challenges and that 1/4 cent will raise Leon Valley's sales tax rate higher than that of San Antonio; therefore, she stated that she would support a 1/8 cent.

Councilmember Dean expressed his fear that the 1/4 cent will not pass in the election, and he recognized the work that the committees have done for this effort, and he stated that he felt business people will not be happy with the 1/4 cent increase.

City Attorney McKamie reviewed changes made in the final ballot language which changed wording in the first paragraph stating that the Economic Development Corporation was the recommending agency and he stated that the third bullet was changed to reflect "energy conservation for the benefit of business enterprises in the community."

Councilmember Baldrige stated that she originally preferred for the election to be scheduled for May 2009, but she would support the 1/8 cent tax election this November due to the work of the committee.

Councilman Reyna stated that up until the passage of last November's election for the Street Maintenance Sales Tax, the City of Leon Valley's local sales tax rate was more than ½ cent less than the sales tax in the City of San Antonio. He expressed his concern that some have stated that the higher sales tax will discourage business in Leon Valley, when Leon Valley's lower sales tax rate hasn't appeared to increase the number of businesses in Leon Valley. He stated that citizens operating independently from the City, who believe that the City can have a successful election, are committed to educating the citizens on how the economic development sales tax can help the City of Leon Valley. Councilman Reyna stated that he believes the 1/4 cent sales tax should be on the ballot and that it will succeed.

Councilman Manea stated that he also thinks that the ballot should be for 1/4 cent for economic development as that is what the City needs. He reminded everyone that 80% of sales tax collected in Leon Valley is paid by non-Leon Valley residents. He stated that the COED (Citizens Organized for Economic Development) are very organized and will educate the public about the use of this sales tax.

Councilmembers continued discussion on a unified Council approach to this election, the perception of the public if the City of Leon Valley goes over the level that San Antonio is charging for sales tax, and how important economic development support is for Leon Valley.

Mayor Riley stated that after two FY 2009 Budget workshops, Council agreed that they would

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put aside \$200,000 for Council discretion for issues such as economic development. She stated that businesses will fight if the City's sales tax rate goes higher than the sales tax rate of the City of San Antonio. She stated that she supports the ballot, but at a rate of 1/8 cent.

Mayor Riley opened the public hearing at 7:59 p.m. and invited anyone in the audience to speak on the subject.

Resident Rudy Garcia spoke stating that the City needs economic development sales tax to accomplish projects from citizen and business surveys in the past year and project ideas that will be coming from the SDAT in the Fall. He urged Council to give favorable consideration to the 1/4 cent sales tax on the ballot.

Resident Nancy Marin addressed Council expressing her appreciation for their leadership and asked Council to take a bold stand so that the sales tax election could succeed for the amount the City needs at 1/4 cent.

Resident Pedro Esquivel complimented Council on disagreeing on a subject before the public. He encouraged Council to canvass the residents and businesses about the sales tax issues and urged the ballot language to be for 1/8 cent.

Resident Esperanza Olvera thanked Council for the hard work everyone has done and urged Council to approve the ballot for the sales tax initiative.

Resident Raymond Olvera addressed Council asking how many people will drive to shop in San Antonio to save 1/8 of a penny with gas prices at almost \$4 per gallon. He expressed his support for the 1/4 cent sales tax ballot language.

Hearing no one else, Mayor Riley closed the public hearing at 8:18 p.m.

**Consider action on Ordinance # 08-035 - a request to approve the order calling for a Special Election to be held on November 4, 2008 to allow the voters to vote for or against the adoption of sales and use tax for economic development under Section 4B of the Development Corporation Act of 1979 (Art. 5190.6, V.T.C.S.) This election will be a joint election with Bexar County entities (Feutz/McKamie).**

Councilmembers continued their discussion of pros and cons for asking for the full 1/4 cent sales tax on the ballot proposition for the Special Election of November 4, 2008.

Councilmembers Nelson, Baldrige, Dean and the Mayor expressed support for having the election but for a sales tax increase of 1/8 cent. All Councilmembers expressed their appreciation for the work done by the committees to reach the point of asking for an election for economic development. They all agreed, that 1/4 cent would be very helpful for the City, but expressed being wary of going for 1/4 cent.

Councilman Reyna stated that in the interest of being unanimous as a Council, and stating that all of Council was behind the request for this Special Election, he would support changing the ballot language to 1/8 cent. Councilman Manea agreed and stated that he preferred the 1/4 cent, but would also support the 1/8 cent.

A motion was made by Councilman Reyna, seconded by Councilmember Dean to approve

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Ordinance 08-035, ordering a Special Election to be held in the City of Leon Valley, to be held jointly with Bexar County, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2008, for the purpose of allowing qualified voters of the City of Leon Valley to vote for or against the adoption of a Section 4B local sales and use tax in the City of Leon Valley **but with the amendment of** at the rate of **one-eighth** of one percent to support quality of life improvements and economic development projects as described in Section 2(11) and Section 4B of Article 5190.6 of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes, as amended, and authorizing the City Manager to contract with the Bexar County Elections Administrator for the conduct of said election, and providing details relating to the conduct of holding the election according to applicable provisions of law.

Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Manea, Reyna, Baldrige, Dean, and Nelson voted for the motion and none voted against the motion. Mayor Riley announced that by the Ordinance 08-035, as amended in the motion, was approved by unanimous vote.

**Discussion Agenda**

**Presentation of financial update on the Trade and Market Days and discussion by City Council (Flores).**

Interim Development Director Flores addressed Council presenting revenues associated with the Leon Valley Trade and Market Days events. She stated that the year to date revenue collected was \$23,23,790 and included \$1,617 in prepaid booth rentals.

Council asked how the financial report numbers compared with booth rentals in FY 07 and the number of booths rented between the two years. Trade and Market Days Chair Nita Lange stated that each market day averages 65-70 booths per event. Councilmember Nelson asked that detailed monthly revenue and expense reports be provided for each event and the City Manager stated that those reports will be provided to Council. Councilmembers agreed that they wished to see detailed monthly reports for revenue and expenses.

Ms. Lange informed Council that she gave that detailed report at the end of the fiscal year last year and she would be happy to do that again. She also encouraged Council to go to the Wymberly Market Days to see how their events can grow and told Council that she would continue to work the events for about another year, but someone else will have to take over then.

Mayor Riley informed the audience that she had received a letter from a U.T.S.A. professor complimenting Leon Valley on the Trade and Market Days. Mayor Riley also noted that a Volksmarch group wants to team up in March 2009 on the Trade and Market Days event to bring more people into the City.

**Discussion on consideration of a proposed resolution to the State Legislature supporting the discontinuation of the diversion of transportation user revenues to non-transportation uses and the appropriation of all revenue generated from highway user fees and taxes to fund transportation projects, as proposed by Mayor David Dorman of the City of Melissa, Texas (Mayor Riley).**

Mayor Riley lead the discussion about a request from Melissa, Texas Mayor David Dorman, asking municipalities to consider a resolution asking the legislators to return the revenue from



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highway fees and taxes back to fund transportation projects.

Council discussion centered around other activities and uses funded by gasoline taxes and discussed delaying any decision on the requested resolution until further information is available as to what gasoline taxes are paying for now. Councilmember Dean suggested that we ask the legislators when they visit Senator Van De Putte and Representative Castro this month.

**Discussion on installation of traffic buttons on Wurzbach Road for traffic Control  
(Councilman Manea).**

Councilman Manea had asked for this item on the agenda and stated that the figures presented were more expensive than he had anticipated. Mr. Manea stated that a dangerous situation exists along Wurzbach Road between Evers Road and Bandera Road with people using the continuous turn lane as another driving lane and thus causing a dangerous situation for drivers pulling out from businesses and residential areas onto Bandera Road.

City Manager Lambert stated that estimates for jiggle bars, striping, reflectors, buttons, from Evers Road to Bandera Road along Wurzbach Road would cost approximately \$45,000 and for would cost less for provided the same traffic devices on Wurzbach Road between Ancira's body shop to Bandera Road at approximately \$12,000.

Councilman Reyna recommended that a suggestion received from SIA Engineering a few months ago about curbing, green plantings, and a more attractive solution be considered.

Council asked that staff consider grant funding, estimates for the more attractive option, and other funding options.

**City Manager's report (Lambert).**

**A. Rabies Clinic - September 6, 2008 from 9am - noon.**

Mr. Lambert announced that the City Vet is assisting with a Rabies Clinic to be held at the Community Center on September 6, 2008 from 9 a.m. - noon.

**B. End of Phase I of the Emergency Drought Management water restrictions.**

Mr. Lambert announced the end of the Emergency Drought Management Phase I water restrictions and clarified that landscape watering with sprinklers can only be used after 8 p.m. and before 10 a.m. throughout the year, when the City is not in drought management restrictions. Mayor Riley encouraged everyone continue to conserve water.

**C. Final draft codified code received.**

Mr. Lambert announced that the new draft of the City Code would be coming back to Council for approval in the next month and then would be posted on the City's website.

**D. Discussion on Legislative Issues**

Mr. Lambert asked Council to consider any issues that they want our Legislators to consider bringing to this next session of the Legislature. Mr. Lambert suggested that we ask for local sales tax on automobile sales.

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Mayor Riley stated that she and Councilmember Dean will meet with Senator Van De Putte and Representative Castro to bring up: toll roads, the gasoline tax diversion, and extending the length of stay period when hotel-motel tax would affect a hotel/motel bill.

Mr. Lambert also reported on the MPO Walkability Study stating that it would be available for review in the next week. He also stated that he had met with representatives from the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department and they are interested in connecting their trail system along Leon Creek with our proposed hike and bike trail through the proposed Crystal Hills Park and Huebner Creek.

Mr. Lambert also announced that Kristie Flores, Interim Development Director, will not be leaving for San Antonio, but instead will take on the Community Development Director position.

Mr. Lambert announced that the MPO has \$40 million for off-site transportation projects and he is working with Intern John Hargis to propose looking at Evers Road with possibly narrowing Evers Road to two lanes with green medians, wider pedestrian ways and bike paths. He stated that a proposed narrowing of Evers Road is recommended as a calming method to relieve traffic congestion off Evers Road and promote safe bicycling as an alternate mode of transportation.

He also announced that a new Economic Development Director has been identified and he will announce her name after she has submitted her resignation to her current employer and he expects that she will arrive at her new position with the city on the beginning of September 2008.

**Citizens to be heard.**

Resident Pedro Esquivel apologized for his discussion in the back of the room during the meeting and stated that there was some unpleasant discussion about flower pots in the front yard. He stated that the attractiveness of Leon Valley is because all the homes have something different in their front yard to make it attractive. He asked why there is a red painted curb at the corner by the house at Poss and Evers Roads. City Attorney McKamie stated that he was responding on behalf of the City Council by stating that such "No Parking" zones are not typical in residential areas and when a request is brought to the City Council for consideration, other neighbors will be considered when that request was brought in. Mr. Esquivel asked if other citizens could also request the red curb, and Mr. McKamie stated that anyone can ask, but not everyone will receive approval.

Resident Ray Olvera thanked City Council for doing a great job and for Councilmembers agreeing to work together for the good of the City.

Resident Nancy Marin thanked Council for their work on the economic development tax ballot and expressed her concerns for limiting traffic on Evers Road before the SDAT recommendations are considered.

Resident Rudy Garcia thanked Council for their consensus and told Council that as a private citizen he will work hard to get the election proposition passed. He also stated he supported improvement of uniform fences along Evers Road.

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**Announcements by Councilmembers and Mayor.**

Councilman Manea thanked Councilman Reyna for his Rotary Work with the Forest Oaks Community Association's fundraiser.

Councilman Reyna thanked citizens who have supported the economic development discussion.

Councilmember Baldrige also thanked the Citizens Neighborhood Progress Committee and thanked Councilmembers for their unanimous decision on the tax election issue.

Councilmember Dean also thanked committee members for their work and stated that Council will support them 100%.

Councilmember Nelson thanked the committee and explained her recent absences from Council activities due to a family illness. She stated that she has also spoken with the City Manager about including a discussion item on a future agenda for a pedestrian crossing on Poss Road across from the Park parking lot entrance.

City Secretary Feutz announced that the flyers are out for the Annual TMS Conference to be held in San Antonio the end of October 2008.

Mayor Riley thanked a group of young people from St. Luke's Parish who power washed picnic benches in the park. She thanked Al Uvietta for attending a VIA meeting with her on the Bus Rapid Transit program, a long term transportation solution. She reminded everyone of a Town Hall Meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2008 concerning a proposed mixed use development project at Evers and Huebner Road. She also announced the Community Advisory Group would be meeting at 5:30 p.m. on August 7, 2008 to hear from EPA officials on the superfund site. She also invited everyone to join her in wishing Councilman Reyna a "Happy Birthday."

**Adjourn.**

Hearing no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Reyna, seconded by Councilmember Dean, to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, Mayor Riley announced the meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chris Riley  
Mayor

Marie Feutz  
City Secretary

*Approved by City Council's unanimous vote at the Regular City Council Meeting of August 19, 2008.*

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